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May 8, 2007

The Honorable Timothy S. Bee  
President  
Arizona State Senate  
1700 West Washington Street  
Senate Office Building  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Senate Bill 1236: consular cards; valid identification; prohibition

Dear President Bee:

Today I vetoed Senate Bill 1236, which would have precluded the state or any political subdivision from accepting as a valid form of identification a consular identification card that is issued by a foreign government.

I did so for many of the same reasons I vetoed Senate Bill 1511 on May 6, 2005. Without the ability to accept a consular ID card, Arizona's law enforcement officers may be unable to confirm the identities of foreign nationals who are stopped for any reason. If a foreign national is pulled over for a traffic violation and presents a consular ID, our law enforcement officers must have the ability to use that ID to determine whether the person is wanted for other crimes. It makes no sense to hamstring our law enforcement agencies' efforts to know the criminal histories of foreign nationals they encounter.

And, as I stated in 2005, if foreign nationals are unable to use consular identification cards, they will be more likely to try to obtain forged documents that are accepted by state government, including social security cards or other documents that are accepted for the purpose of gaining access to state and local public benefits. The state is better served by having foreign nationals use identification that accurately identifies them as foreign nationals.

For these and other reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill 1236.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature of Janet Napolitano in dark ink.

Janet Napolitano  
Governor


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cc: The Honorable Jim Weiers  
The Honorable Chuck Gray

Passed the House April 23, 20 07,

by the following vote: 32 Ayes,

23 Nays, 5 Not Voting



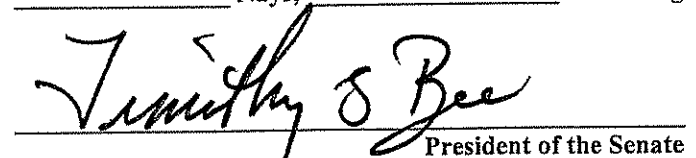
Speaker of the House  
*Pro Tempore*

  
Chief Clerk of the House

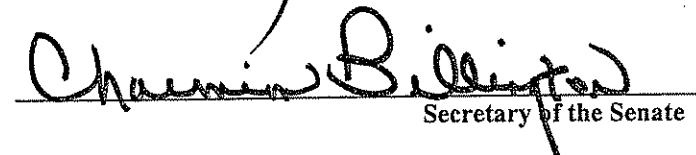
Passed the Senate February 15, 20 07,

by the following vote: 29 Ayes,

0 Nays, 1 Not Voting



President of the Senate

  
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor of Arizona

S.B. 1236

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE  
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

Passed the Senate May 2, 20 07

by the following vote: 16 Ayes,

13 Nays, 1 Not Voting

Timothy S Bee  
President of the Senate

Charmint Bellington  
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

2nd day of May, 20 07

at 11:05 o'clock a. M.

Jennifer Ibarra  
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

at VETO o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this 9 day of May, 20 07

at 8:35 o'clock A. M.

Janice K. Brewer  
Secretary of State